IN THE	UNITED	STATES	DISTRICT	COURT
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## FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

COLIN FRASER, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

No. C 12-00652 WHA

ORDER DENYING REQUEST TO STAY PROCEEDINGS

Plaintiff,

ASUS COMPUTER INTERNATIONAL, a California Corporation, ASUSTEK

COMPUTER, INC., a Taiwanese Corporation,

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Defendants.

This is a putative class action. The parties have submitted a stipulation and proposed order stating, "[t]he Parties in the above-captioned matter have recently begun discussing a potential resolution of the action," and have requested a temporary stay of proceedings in order "to discuss resolution further" (Dkt. No. 19 at 2). On February 13, 2012, the Court issued a notice regarding factors to be evaluated for any proposed class settlement. In relevant part, the notice stated: "Counsel should remember that merely filing a putative class complaint does not authorize them to compromise the rights of absent parties. If counsel believes settlement discussions should precede a class certification, a motion for appointment of interim class counsel must first be made" (Dkt. No. 6 at 4). No such motion has been made. Counsel shall not engage in settlement discussions prior to appointment of interim class counsel. The

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motion to stay proceedings to permit discussion of a potential resolution of this putative class action is **Denied**. All deadlines remain.

## IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 3, 2012.

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WILLIAM ALSUP UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE